

## Canada District Luther League Convention

### Convention Speakers



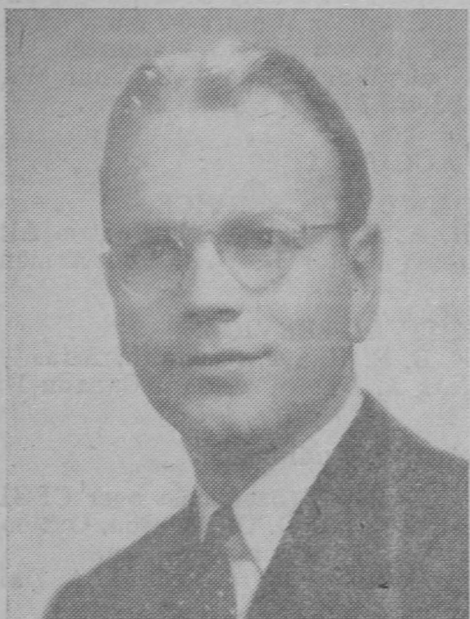
**DR. O. K. STORAASLI**  
District President, Y.P.L.L.

District President O. K. Storaasli will present the opening keynote message on Wednesday evening on the theme, "Today Is the Day."



**MISSIONARY TALBERT RONNING**  
China

Missionary Talbert Ronning will also be one of the guest speakers at the Grande Prairie convention, and will bring a message on Mission Night on the theme, "The Chinese Need to Hear God's Word." Son of pioneer pastor and missionary, Dr. H. N. Ronning, Talbert Ronning is well known in our Canada District and will give very important addresses at the Friday evening and Sunday afternoon sessions.



**PASTOR MYRUS KNUTSON**  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Pastor Myrus Knutson, of Ascension Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will be the speaker at each of the evening sessions, on the theme, "Hear God's Word Today." Pastor Knutson last summer was in charge of the local arrangements for the Twelfth International Luther League Convention, and is known to leaguers all over the church.

GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA

July 28 - August 1

Theme: "Hear God's Word Today"

### Grande Prairie Convention Programme

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

- 4.00 p.m. on—Registration.  
7.30-8.30 p.m.—Preparatory Prayer and Song Service, led by Rev. O. Olson, Dawson Creek, B.C.  
9.00 p.m.—OPENING CONVENTION SERVICE.  
Song Leader: Pastor G. O. Evenson.  
Special Music: Northfield Ladies' Chorus.  
Message: "Today Is the Day," Dr. O. K. Storaasli, District President.

THURSDAY, JULY 29

- 8.00-9.30 a.m.—Registration.  
9.30 a.m.—THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.  
Bible Study, Pastor A. M. Vinge, C.L.B.I., Camrose, Alta.  
Panel Discussion Groups: "Hear God's Word Today Through Your Personal Devotion." Group leaders: Pastor O. H. Olson, Dawson Creek, B.C.; Mr. Donald Hanson, Weldon, Sask.  
1) "Read the Word Daily."  
2) "Live the Word Daily."  
3) "Through the P.T.L."  
Speakers: Clara Hanson, Saskatoon, Sask.; Lila Dahlman, Assiniboia, Sask.; Doris Nelson, Blumenhof, Sask.; Erling Bucholdt, Valhalla Centre, Alta.; Clara Haugen, Outlook, Sask.; Esther Wold, Sexsmith, Alta.  
11.15 a.m.—JOINT INSPIRATIONAL SESSION.  
Reports of Panel Discussions by Leaders.  
Inspirational Address: Pastor A. L. S. Mathre, Moose Jaw, Sask.  
2.00 p.m.—THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.  
Bible Study, Pastor A. M. Vinge.  
Panel Discussion Groups: "Hear God's Word Today—And Use It". Group Leaders: Mr. G. Loken, S.L.B.I., Outlook, Sask.; Mr. Luther Olson, C.L.C., Camrose, Alta.  
1) "In Choosing a Vocation."  
2) "In Witnessing to Others."  
3) "In My Walk Through Life."  
Speakers: Miss Jorgine Salte, Moose Jaw, Sask.; Miss Betty Christensen, Edmonton, Alta.; Miss Rita Neal, Edmonton, Alta.; Miss Harriet Heather, Claresholm, Alta.; Mr. Stanley Rude, Lake Alma, Sask.; Miss Alvera Wickstrom, Admiral, Sask.  
4.00 p.m.—JOINT INSPIRATIONAL SESSION.  
Reports of Panel Discussions by Group Leaders.  
Inspirational Address: Sister Magdalene Klippen, Chicago.  
7.30-8.15 p.m.—Film Period conducted by Mr. G. Loken, Outlook, Sask.  
8.30 p.m.—THURSDAY EVENING INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE.  
Singspiration.  
Welcome: Norman Foster, Peace River Circuit Luther League President; Response, Mr. Luther Olson, Camrose, Canada District Y.P.L.L. Vice-President.  
Preliminary Business: Credentials Committee, Resolutions Committee and Nominating Committee.  
Address: "Hear God's Word Today—and Live," Pastor Myrus Knutson, Milwaukee.

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### Convention Speakers



**SISTER MAGDALENE KLIPPEN**  
Chicago

Sister Magdalene Klippen, of the Lutheran Deaconess Home and Hospital in Chicago, will also bring special messages at the Grande Prairie convention. She has been a missionary to Alaska, has been a social worker, and is at the present time an instructress at the Lutheran Deaconess Training School for Nurses. She is a very energetic and winsome personality, and will be a very fine addition to our convention roster.



**PASTOR E. B. R. HAAVE**  
Sexsmith, Alta.

Pastor Haave has been appointed as the housing director of the convention, and will take care of your physical needs. He will also conduct the convention festival service.



**DEAN A. M. VINGE**  
Camrose, Alta.

Dean Vinge of the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, who will conduct a series of six Bible studies on the "Parable of the Soils."



**PASTOR MARS A. DALE**  
President, Canada District, E.L.C.

Our District President, Mars A. Dale, will preach at the Sunday morning festival service, and will also give other inspirational addresses.



**REV. G. O. EVENSON**  
Director, Choral Union

Pastor G. O. Evenson will direct the massed choral union in the Sunday afternoon concert to be broadcast over CFGP. Choirs from all over the district will take part. Pastor Evenson will also be the convention song leader.



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### THE LARGER PERSPECTIVE

Each evening during the past summer Albert Hall, London's largest auditorium, was crowded, mainly by young people, who assembled to hear nothing but the greatest music. No concession to so-called "popular" taste was sought or given.

The Roman Catholic Church gives much publicity to its converts from Protestantism, but seldom mentions those who make a change in the other direction. In answer to a query, 262 Presbyterian churches in the New York Synod reported that during the past year they had received 618 former Roman Catholics into membership, while losing 167 people to the Roman faith.

The World Council of Churches now comprises one hundred and sixteen communions, in thirty-six countries. In the past six or eight months twenty-three churches in fifteen countries have joined. The new members include the Coptic Church in Egypt, the Church of Greece, the Protestant Church of Indonesia, the Church of Korea, the United Free Church of Scotland and the Society of Friends in Canada.

It is encouraging to note that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation featured the Mendelssohn Choir of Toronto over a nation-wide broadcast. The choir consisted of 230 singers assisted by a symphony orchestra and four soloists. The performance was from Convocation Hall, under the direction of Sir Ernest MacMillan. The interesting feature was that this choir sang Johann Sebastian Bach's St. Matthew Passion. The entire program lasted three hours, and was a history making event in broadcasting. Bach's music is gaining constant and increased recognition.

### REVENUE FROM VICE

"To sell drink for a livelihood is bad enough, but for a whole community to share the responsibility and guilt of such a traffic seems a worse bargain than that of Eve or Judas."—Horace Greeley.

### NOTICE TO TREASURERS

All our church monies are handled through our head office in Canada. Send all remittances payable to "The Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada," preferably by money order. The address is Luther Seminary, 212 Wiggins Ave., Saskatoon.

## News Items

### ROSE VALLEY PARISH

Nut Lake Church and cemetery took on a new look Thursday, June 16, when over forty-five men and women turned out on clean-up day, with several tractors, one-way, and maintainer, etc. The grounds were levelled, the interior of the church also took on a new shine. Every one enjoyed a big dinner and lunch at the Carl Peterson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Petersen of Rose Valley were the proud grandparents of five infant babies baptized at the Nut Lake Lutheran Church, on

Sunday, June 13. Shiela Evelyn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Petersen; Glenda Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Petersen; James Sherwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Holt; Maureen Adell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Rustad; and Larry Glen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Larson. Larry's great grandfather was also present. After the service about seventy-five people enjoyed a big dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Petersen.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Canada Lutheran Inner Mission Federation holds its annual meeting at Frontier, Sask., July 15-18. The meetings begin Thursday at 2 p.m. We hope to have Missionary J. Kaardal and other speakers with us.

There will also be a Bible Conference in the Saron Congregation, Hagen, Sask., July 4-11, Rev. J. Stolee's charge. Evangelist E. Scotvold will be one speaker and we hope to have Missionary Kaardal with us here, too.

Everyone is invited to attend and pray for these meetings and the messages that are brought.

Einar Haave, President,  
Lars Njaa, Secretary.

### LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Following is the list of members of the local committee on arrangements for the convention at Grande Prairie:

Chairman: Norman Foster, Sexsmith, Alta.

Housing Director: Pastor E. B. R. Haave, Sexsmith, Alta.

Eating Arrangements: Pastor H. E. Strand, Valhalla Centre, Alta.

Alaska Highway Tour Arrangements: Pastor O. Olson, Ft. St. John, B.C.

Publicity: Norman Foster, Julian Velve, Donald Hanson, Dolores Melsen, and Irene Wold.

Radio Broadcasts: Pastor E. B. R. Haave, Sexsmith, Alta.

Through the courtesy of the Heintzman Co. in Edmonton, a Minshall organ is to be installed in the auditorium for the Luther League convention.

### VALHALLA'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

The Young People's Christian Association, the first organization of the young people of the local Lutheran congregation took place in the Valhalla school house, the evening of May 24, 1919. Olaf Horte served as chairman of the meeting. The name chosen was "The Young People's Christian Association. Sixteen members joined.

On October 1, 1920, this group voted to support the congregation in building a church. On March 5, 1921, the Y.P.C.A. voted unanimously to join the Norwegian Young People's League of Alberta and that year sent \$50 to the mission fund of the league. The last record of the Y.P.C.A. is dated February 24, 1922. During the following years work was carried on. Though not always organized, the young people carried on as a choir, string band, etc.

On April 14, 1937, under the guidance of Pastor T. J. Vikse, a group of nine young people met at the home of A. Nepstad to organize a senior Y.P.L.L. Valhalla Y.P.L.L. has been represented at each of the last two District conventions and has taken an active part in the District and International work of the Y.P.L.L.

As mentioned in another issue of The Shepherd, in an article written by Norman Foster, president of the Peace River Y.P.L.L. Circuit, you may visit Valhalla and see for yourself, the place where God's Word was first planted in the Peace River district. Pastor H. N. Ronning still lives at Valhalla. It may be God's will that he be present at this large gathering of Christian young people on July 28 to August 1, around the Word that he loved and lived in the country that he loves so much.

## Luther League Convention Program

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### FRIDAY, JULY 30

8.00-9.15 a.m.—Registration.

9.30 a.m.—FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Bible Study: Pastor A. M. Vinge.

Panel Discussions: "Hear God's Word Today at the Family Altar." Group Leaders: Mr. Palmer Olson, Camrose, Alta.; Arthur Dahlen, Saskatoon, Sask.

1) "The Need of the Family Altar."

2) "The Leaguer and the Family Altar."

3) "The Blessings of the Family Altar."

Speakers: Margaret Braathen, Edmonton, Alta.; Elmer Rawling, Saskatoon, Sask.; Miss Alice Thompson, Edmonton, Alta.; Miss Mildred Nelson, Saskatoon, Sask.; Gladys Jothan, Outram, Sask.; Lucille Hanson, Camrose, Alta.

11.15 a.m.—JOINT INSPIRATIONAL SESSION.

Reports of Panel Discussions by Group Leaders.

Demonstration of Family Altar: The Reuben Johnson Family, La Glace, Alta.

Inspirational Address: Pastor K. C. Grundahl, Camrose, Alta., Canada District Director of Evangelism.

2.00 p.m.—FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bible Study: Pastor A. M. Vinge.

Panel Discussions: "Hearing God's Word—in the House of God." Group Leaders: Pastor M. S. Johnson, Saskatoon, Sask.; Pastor S. T. Jacobsen, Milo, Alta.

1) "Hear the Word Preached in Church."

2) "Study the Word Taught in Sunday School and Luther League."

3) "Receive the Sacramental Word in the Lord's Supper."

4) "Hear the Word Through Special Meetings."

Speakers: Philip Anderson, Tofield, Alta.; Arthur Dahlman, Assiniboia, Sask.; Pastor Henry Haugen, Claresholm, Alta.; Earl Foster, Sexsmith, Alta.; Miss Amy Grue, Moose Jaw, Sask.; Allen Severson, Sedgewick, Alta.; Pastor J. S. Stolee, Bawlf, Alta.; Rev. Lars Knudson, Margo, Sask.

4.00 p.m.—JOINT INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE.

Reports of Panel Discussions by Group Leaders.

Inspirational Address: Pastor Mars A. Dale, President, Canada District, E.L.C.

7.30-8.15 p.m.—Film Period.

8.30 p.m.—FRIDAY EVENING INSPIRATIONAL SESSION.

MISSION NIGHT.

Mission Film.

Singspiration.

Address: "The Chinese Need to Hear God's Word," Missionary Talbert Ronning.

Special Music: Valhalla Centre Ladies' Chorus.

Address: "Hear God's Word Today—and Obey It," Pastor Myrus Knutson.

### SATURDAY, JULY 31

9.30 a.m.—SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Bible Study: Pastor A. M. Vinge.

Oratorical Contest for Winning Boy or Girl From Each Circuit.

11.00 a.m.—Convention Business Session.

2.00 p.m.—SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bible Study: Pastor A. M. Vinge.

Open Forum Discussion: "Our District Luther League and Evangelism," introduced by Pastor G. O. Evenson, Outlook, Sask.

Unfinished Business.

4.00-8.00 p.m.—POCKET TESTAMENT LEAGUE OUTING AND PROGRAM. Arranged by Miss Esther Lindland, Banff, Alta., District P.T.L. Secretary.

8.30 p.m.—SATURDAY EVENING INSPIRATIONAL SESSION.

"FAITH IN ACTION" PROGRAM.

Singspiration.

Orations by Winning Boy and Girl Orator.

Reports from Parish Workers: Miss Margaret Braathen, Edmonton, Alta.; Miss Amy Grue, Moose Jaw, Sask.; Miss Lucille Hanson, Camrose, Alta.

Special Music: Norden Choir; Pastors' Quartet.

Address: "Hear God's Word Today—In Your Walk Through Life," Pastor Myrus Knutson.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

9.00 a.m.—CONVENTION COMMUNION SERVICE.

Liturgist: Pastor H. A. Strand, Valhalla Centre, Alta. Confessional Address: Pastor R. O. Olson, Armena, Alta.

11.00 a.m.—CONVENTION FESTIVAL SERVICE.

Liturgist: Pastor E. B. R. Haave, Sexsmith, Alta.

Sermon: Pastor Mars A. Dale, President Canada District, E.L.C.

1.00-2.30 p.m.—Choral Union Rehearsal—Auditorium.

2.45 p.m.—CHORAL UNION CONCERT (broadcast over CFGP)

Choral Union Director, Pastor G. O. Evenson, Outlook.

Sermon: Missionary Talbert Ronning, China.

Installation of Officers: District President M. A. Dale.

8.00 p.m.—CLOSING INSPIRATIONAL SESSION.

Singspiration.

Prayer Session.

Testimonies.

Address: "Hear God's Word Today—and Be Blessed Forever," Pastor Myrus Knutson, Milwaukee.

Consecration Service.

Closing of Convention.

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Monday, August 2, Excursion up Alaska Highway to Ft. St. John, B.C. and the Peace River Bridge.



Jeg er den gode Hyrde.  
Joh. 10:11

# Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE.—Joh. 10:7

Den gode Hyrde setter sitt  
liv til for faarene.  
Joh. 10:11

Wadena, Sask., Første No. i July, 1948.

## Farlig Surdeig

7 s.etter trefoldighet—Matt. 16:5-12

De hadde glemt aa ta brød med. Og da Jesus advarte dem mot fariseernes og saduseernes surdeig, mente de i aandelig uforstand at det var det Jesus siktet til. Det hørte med til Herrens prøvelser, og ikke til de minste, denne forferdelige uaandelighet, hvormed hans ellers tro disipler tok i mot hans ord. Jesus refser dem derfor. Det var mangel paa tro at de kunne tenke seg brødmangel som grunn til hans advarsel. De hadde jo sett underet med bespisningen baade av de 5,000 og de 4,000, og at det ble mange kurver til overs. De maatte da forstaa at den slags brød kunne Herren lett skaffe til veie, saa det var ikke om det han talte. Og da forsto de hva han mente: fariseernes og saduseernes lærdom og lære.

Fariseerne med deres selvlagede og selvretferdige fromhet, deres kolde seremonier, tradisjoner og eksklusive innstilling overfor andre, sadduseernes lettferdige, halv, hedenske vantro og rasjonalisme—begge har sine etterfølgere ogsaa i dag. Særlig er pavekirken full av fariseisme, mens ny-rasjonalismen i mange protestantiske samfunn gaar i sadduseernes spor.

Det er farlig ikke aa være en Jesu disippel. Den som viser fra seg Guds naade, faar ingen ting annet aa forlate seg paa enn sin egen kraft. Men den rekker ikke lagt. "For vi har," skriver Paulus, "ikke kamp mot blod og kjød, men mot makter, mot myndigheter . . . mot ondskapens aandehær i himmelrummet"—Ef. 6:12. Og mennskelig makt rekker ikke til naar det er spørsmål om aandernes strid om evig liv og evig død. Den som støter bort Guds naade er visselig fortapt.

Men skjønt Bibelen saa ofte taler om farene for de som blir i verden, glemmer den ikke farene for de som vil gjøre alvaar av aa være Jesu disippel. Disse farer truer ikke bare den begynnende troen. Sant nok kan en ofte legge merke til at det er som om hele ondskapens aandehær i samlet tropp vil angripe det menneske som nyss er vakt til aandelig liv. Men heller ikke den modne kristne gaar fri av fristelser. For han finnes det spesielle fristelser, kanskje ikke saa mange, men likevel saa mye farligere for han har vanskelig ved aa legge merke til naar de kommer. Angrepene paa vaart aandelige liv skjer saa lumskt at vi ikke vet ordet av det før vi faller.

Det er netop om disiplenes fristelser Jesus taler i vaar tekst. Han kaller dem fariseernes og saduseernes surdeig. Og det er farlig surdeig. Det var netop de tolv utvalgte som trengte denne advarselen, de som stod ham nærmere enn alle andre. En skulle kunne tro at avstanden mellom dem og fariseerne skulle være saa stor at en slik formaning burde være overflødig. Men Jesus kjenner menneskehjertets svakhet. Det er framfor alt du som er en disippel, en troende som trenger aa advares mot fariseismen.

Surdeigen har som vi vet, en ganske merkverdig egenskap. Det trenges saa lite av den i deigen for at den skal gjennomsyres, hvis gjæringsprosessen varer lenge nok. Med det blotte øye kan du ikke iaktta stor forandring i deigen mens gjæringen foregaar. Likevel skjer det en gjennomgripende forandring med den. Det merkes tydelig naar brødet er ferdig.

Slik er det ogsaa med fariseismens fristelser. De kommer over deg saa umerkelig at du ikke synes det er nødvendig aa være paa noen særskilt vakt mot dem. Det skal dog ikke mye til for at en disippel av Jesus for-

derves i bunn og grunn. Utviklingen begynner med at litt aandelig selv-godhet og selvtilstrekkelighet vinner inngang i din sjel. Kanskje det er nok for deg aa sammenligne deg selv med de som ennaa staar utenfor Guds rike. Det kan være nok til at det aandelige hovmotet skal begynne sin gjæringsprosess og ødeleggende gjerning inne i hjertebunnen. Saa gaar prosessen videre: din skyldbevissthet skyves tilside av egenkjærlighet, og ditt forhold til Gud taper sitt liv og blir vanemessig. Et slikt menneske kan nok framdeles tale om sine aandelige opplevelser og erfaringer, ja, til og med paa et varmt, overbevisende spraak. Men Gud om ingen annen merker at det bare er ytre pynt og tomme ord. Det gaar

ikke an aa bedra Gud, om du enn lykkes i aa bedra andre og kanskje deg selv og. Falsk lære og verdslighet er fariseeismens kjennemerke. En liten feil kan, lik surdeig gjennomtrengende og markstikke, uthule hele din kristendom. Falsk lære er avskyelig for alle som vil høre Jesus til, fordi den er avskyelig for ham.

Fra fariseismens synd finnes det bare en redning. Det er den daglige omvendelse, bot og bønn om syndenes forlatelse. Det strekker ikke til det som en gang var ditt. Ditt aandelige liv maa stadig fødes paa nytt. Her gjelder fram for alt denne regel: stillstand er død. La det være ditt hjertes omsorg at ingen surdeig fra løgnens rike skall vinne inngang hos deg.

—H. Arnholt Strand.

## RELIGION OF THE HEART

Read Roms. 2:17-29, "But, he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart."

There is much religion in the world but little Christianity. Christianity is a religion of the heart. Christianity changes the heart even as the Word of God says, "Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature." Man's heart is the crux of all his difficulties and problems because it is the springboard of all his sin. We cannot argue against Holy Writ as it declares that, "the heart is deceitful above all things—who can know it?" The heart is so deceitful that sometimes it is difficult to know whether an individual is being deceived by his own deceitful heart or if it is plain hypocrisy, as he or she professes faith in Christ. Jesus said . . . "even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but inwardly ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

In the text the Holy Spirit directed Paul to write a jarring indictment to the self-righteous and hypocrites of that day. To the self-righteous Paul catalogues several charges against their false and hypocritical basis of salvation. Of these we shall consider briefly a few salient ones, viz: "bearest the name of a Jew," "resteth upon the law," "gloriest in God," and "knowest His will."

To bear the name of a Jew was significant in the days of Christ and Paul. Paul wrote . . . "What advantage then hath a Jew? or what is the profit of circumcision? Much every way. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God." They were God's chosen people. God

had blessed and guided them in a singular manner. They were the recipients of God's revelation, superior knowledge and privileges. We could write at length on the significance of an individual, who is a member of the Christian Church. This is particularly true where that membership stems from infant baptism, inasmuch as Christ said, "ye did not choose Me, but I chose you," which is embodied in Christ's final, great commission, "Go ye, there, and make disciples—baptizing them."

The blessings that accompany membership in the Christian Church are far-reaching. But it is extremely important that men understand that these outward connections do not guarantee salvation. It is this very thing of trusting in these outward things that made Paul throw off the cover to his readers. They trusted not least of all that they were God's elect because they were Jews. Who among us have not heard men and women of the Norwegian Lutheran Church hold forth their credentials of baptism and confirmation? These are spiritual blessings of no mean significance but when an individual trusts in his or her baptism, confirmation, church membership, church attendance and a score of other befitting evidences as the basis and hope of their eternal salvation, these need to be blasted from your crumbling and false trust.

Christianity is of the heart. A genuine Christian life is more than outward profession. Christianity is the possession of Christ as a living reality, not a dead profession of Him.

—H. C. S.

## ABOVE THE HORIZON

FRESH FROM THE FIELDS

How thrilled I was as a little boy when the threshers came for dinner! There they were — fresh from the fields — with the rust of the fields on their clothes and faces and with chaff and fragments of straw from the threshing outfit spilling from folds or cuffs or pockets. The tang of grain and straw and sweat helped me to understand they had been very busy out there in the fields. And as I heard them talk and saw them eat, I sensed that the work they were doing must be very important and very urgent—there was little loitering and no delay. What could have been a banquet was finished in twenty minutes or less and soon they were off for the fields again. The little boy in the kitchen corner wished that he too might very soon have a part in that great work out in the fields.

Perhaps it was a similar feeling many of us had at our recent church convention as we listened to men fresh from the fields of the Kingdom as they brought reports of the work

or discussed the problems and needs. At first you did not discern the dust and the sweat for that was not on the clothes or the foreheads. But as you listened you sensed a sweat of the soul and a grist of the mind that told us that these men had worked hard out there in the fields, whether it be in the fields of home or foreign or Jewish missions, or in the fields of Christian education or charities, or in the field of congregational or other work. There was about these men an air of urgency and concern. Their hearts were out in the fields and the body must soon be there too; for they were engaged in a mighty harvest, not of wheat or oats or barley, but of human souls, that needed to be saved from the destruction of sin and judgment and garnered into Christ's Kingdom of grace and forgiveness and love and service.

Unlike the little boy in the kitchen corner we did not have to yearn for the time when we could be along in the great work. Through our prayers

## I Brennpunktet

Det kristne fellesskap

I slutten av juli samles flere hundre ungdommer og eldre med til vaart Kanada distrikts ungdomsforbunds konvensjon i Grande Prairie, Alberta. De representerer vaar kirkes framtid og kommer sammen under mottoet: "Hør Guds ord i dag!" Denne mønstring blir et mektig vitnesbyrd om hva Kristi kraft formaar i menneskeliv.

Det er ikke særeget for kristen ungdom aa møtes til konferanse. Kommunistungdommen og andre politiske partiers ungdom samles og bruker baade penger og tid til aa komme sammen og raadslaa om sine ideologiers utbredelse. Men spesielt for den kristne ungdom er at den har del i et fellesskap som er universelt, gitt av Gud og ikke skapt av mennesker. Dette samfunn eies i troen paa Jesus Kristus.

Dette fellesskapet er ikke bare en liten forsmak paa det Guds rike som engang skal virkeligjøres i herlighet. Men det har ogsaa løfter for livet i denne verden. Det er med full rett sagt: "Den kristne kirke er i besittelse av den fellesskapets hemmelighet som hele verden leter etter."

Jo rikere en faar oppleve det kristne fellesskapet dess større blir forpliktelsen til aa vitne om Ham som kan gi andre del i den samme gaven. Og ansvaret blir særlig stort naar en tenker paa det skrikende behov menneskene i dag har for hjelp til aa finne en løsning paa sine mange problemer baade i forhold til Gud og andre mennesker.

Krigen viste paa en skremmende maate at den moralske og aandelige utviklingen ikke hadde gaatt haand i haand med de tekniske framsteg. Mange mistet derfor troen paa menneskets egen evne til selvforbedring og verdensforbedring. Her har det kristne fellesskap en særlig sjangse til aa forkynne at Jesus Kristus betyr haap og redning for den enkelte og for folkene. Det er dette glade budskap som inneholdes i mottoet: "Hør Guds ord i dag!"

Naa gjelder det for saa mange av vaar kirkes ungdom som paa noen mulig maate kan komme fra dagliglivets plikter aa være med paa dette kristne fellesskapets stevne i Grande Prairie, for selv aa hente styrke og for aa gi styrke til andre som trenger det saart. Dessverre er det visst sant et der er en del "møtetretthet" siden krigen sluttet. Det er ikke saa lett aa faa folk ut til kristne møter og stevner som det var under krigen. Mange av vaart kirkefolk er ikke "convention conscious," og svekker derved det kristne fellesskap. Som en eldre mann sa for noen aar siden her oppe i Peace River distriktet: "Folk har for liten møtetrang." La det naa vise seg at vi har møtetrang ved at vi kommer ut mann av huse, ikke bare for ungdomsstevnets siste dag, men hver dag. Og her kan far og mor gjøre mye for aa oppmuntre sine unge sønner og døtre til aa komme ved selv aa planlegge sitt arbeid for stevnedagene slik at de alle—hele familien blir fri til aa være med i dette kristne fellesskap.

—H. A. S.

and our gifts we can be partakers even now. Thank God for that. Perhaps the Holy Spirit also made more real to us the needs in the fields nearer home. Thank God for that too—and pray for obedient hearts that will hasten to answer His call, "Here am I, Lord, send me—into the fields of your choosing."

A. K. H.



## THE MAKING OF A CHRISTIAN WORKMAN

Mrs. Florence Dagsgaard Esdale, of Central Lutheran, Edmonton sends this resume of the messages of Paul J. Lindell on his visit in that congregation. This is a summary appearing in the Central Lutheran Parish Paper.

"Christ came to seek and save men who are lost. But He is faced with a huge problem in saving men. Not only are we loaded down with innumerable sins and transgressions but our hearts are hard. We are self-centered, self-willed, and self-sufficient, and do not see our need of Christ.

"On Sunday night we saw how God has approached this problem through the enactment of two covenants. (Gal. 4:21-31). The first is the Covenant of the Law, designed to expose the true nature of the human heart, bring the sinner to collapse and despair over his own sin and weakness, and bring him to flee to Christ for refuge and salvation.

"On Monday, from Rom. 16:25-27, we pursued this process of God's working into the life of the Christian to see that in much the same way he must learn to live his whole life in all its relationships by faith in Christ's grace.

"Tuesday night brought us a picture of God's servant in the dark recesses of a cave. Adversity broke loose upon him from every side. (Ps. 142). But here was where he learned to pray, to stand alone in God's strength, to find his delight in God, to walk by faith, and to fill his mouth with triumphant praises.

"On Wednesday we observed from Ps. 78 some of the ways by which God is limited in His plan for us. We His love, and His power. We further limit Him in the realm of his claims, limit Him by our refusal to confess our sins, by our unwillingness, by unbelief, and by seeking secondary things first.

"Finally on Thursday we looked at the secret of becoming a 'Noble Vessel' in the hand of God, from II sanctified vessel, cleansed separated and dedicated to God's use. It is furthermore a vessel that has utility, that is 'meet for the Masters use', always ready to serve. It is also an adaptable vessel 'prepared for every good work', with a humble and meek spirit ready to serve even in the most lowly tasks. One is made a 'Noble Vessel' by purging, by fleeing 'Youthful Lusts' such as stubbornness, independence, vanity, cliqueishness, resentments, impatience, quick rash judgements, suspiciousness, being argumentative, opinionated and the like. Then one must aim at righteousness, faith, love, and peace. In this pursuit he must be in intimate fellowship with 'All those who call upon the Lord out of a pure heart.' We need to realize our dependence on other Christians."

## INNER MISSION FEDERATION

Canada Lutheran Inner Mission Federation holds its annual meeting at Frontier, Sask., July 15-18. The meetings begin Thursday, July 15 at 2 p.m. We hope to have Missionary J. Kaardal and other speakers with us.

There will also be a Bible Conference in the Saron congregation, Hagen, Sask., Rev. J. B. Stolee's charge, July 4-11. Evangelist E. Scothold will be one speaker and we hope to have Missionary Kaardal with us here too.

—Einar Haave, secretary,  
Lars Njaa, secretary.

## Saskatoon Circuit L.D.R.

The Saskatoon Circuit L.D.R. met on May 9 for its convention. Theme of the convention was "Press On."

Topics by L.D.R. members were given in the afternoon.

At the evening session Mrs. A. L. S. Mathre from Moose Jaw, gave a very challenging and heart-reaching message on "Press On to Freedom in Christ."

The following officers were elected: President, Astrid Hauberg, Green Valley; vice-president, Myrtle Nelson, Saskatoon; secretary-treasurer, Leila Fonstad, S.L.B.I.

## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

MRS. GILBERT HOYME, Editor, Camrose, Alberta

### Prince Albert Circuit

The W.M.F. met in convention at Weldon, May 22. Mrs. Josef Haave and Miss Clara Jones were the guest speakers.

Pastor Odland of Weldon brought a message on the convention theme, "The Family Altar," using as his text, Psalm 119:97-104. Mrs. T. Hegland spoke on family devotions, and said that the greatest heritage parents can give their children is the memories of the family altar.

Mrs. J. Haave, district president, spoke in the afternoon on "God's Work for Today's Women." She pointed out how the W.M.F. work was connected with the church, and without the church as its head, the W.M.F. would not be a W.M.F.

Miss Clara Jones gave a very inspiring message on the work in China, pointing out the great need for our continued support of missions, if more workers were to be sent into the field.

The executive elected to serve for two years is as follows: President, Mrs. A. Moxness, Prince Albert; vice-president, Mrs. P. Armer, Weldon; secretary, Mrs. O. Christopherson, Weldon; treasurer, Mrs. J. Strom, Prince Albert; missions, Mrs. S. Swenson, Prince Albert; charities, Mrs. G. Olson, Birch Hills; life membership and in memoriam, Mrs. A. Moe, Parkside; promotion, Mrs. S. Gjesdal, Brancepeth; education, Mrs. T. Bergh, Chelan.

May God bless our W.M.F. that all may be done to His honor and glory.

—Mrs. Oscar Christopherson.

### Edmonton Circuit

The annual convention of the Edmonton Circuit W.M.F. met at Bardo, May 25, with a very good attendance, and having ten out of fifteen Aids represented.

Reports from the five department secretaries showed a definite improvement in response from the locals, especially in the use of the self-denial envelopes.

Mrs. Pedel of Irma spoke on "The Family Altar," and Mrs. J. B. Haave also gave a fine message. Musical numbers from the various Aids interspersed the programs.

The inspirational talk by Missionary Clara Jones stirred the hearts of all present. We were particularly happy to have the convention at Bardo, the childhood home of Talbert Ronning and Palmer Anderson, her co-workers in China.

The following officers were elected to serve on the executive: President, Mrs. O. Likness, Irma; vice-president, Mrs. B. Anderson, Bardo; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. N. Fluevog, Irma; Missions, Mrs. P. Olson, 11,936 86th Street, Edmonton; Charities, Mrs. C. Erickson, Tofield; Education, Mrs. M. Likness, Daysland; Promotion, Mrs. L. Foster, 11,629, 129th Avenue, Edmonton; Life Membership and In Memoriam, Mrs. I. Ness, Kingman.

—Mrs. N. F.

### YORKTON CIRCUIT

The W.M.F. met in convention at Moe Lutheran Church, Margo, on May 18. The convention theme, "Evangelism in the Home," was introduced at the morning worship service by the Rev. H. F. Johnson, Leroy.

A playlet entitled "One Resolve," was given by members of the Sorestad and Martinson families of Buchanan.

Topics on the theme were presented by Mrs. M. Oberg, Hendon, and Mrs. A. Tveit, Preeceville. They spoke on "Parents as Living Epistles" and "The Need of God's Word in the Home."

Miss Clara Jones described how mission work in China is conducted through education, medicine, and evangelism. In a very gripping message she presented the urgency of

bringing the gospel to the students in China's universities while the doors are wide open.

At the workers' conference the department secretaries gave reports, and the Circuit president, Mrs. C. Otteson, reported that 21 out of 25 Aids sent in triplicate cards, as compared to 12 the previous year.

One local Aid reported active temperance work being done by organizing a W.C.T.U. in the district.

The following officers will serve another year: President, Mrs. C. Otteson, Naicam; vice-president, Mrs. P. Nelson, Naicam; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. F. Carlson, Preeceville; treasurer, Mrs. A. Tveit, Preeceville; Missions, Mrs. C. A. Westby, Rose Valley; Education, Mrs. O. Thompson, Bulyea; Charities, Mrs. J. I. Hetland, Naicam; Promotion, Mrs. O. Sorestad, Buchanan.

Thirty-seven delegates registered and nine Aids were represented.

There were three sound films in the evening, besides a challenging address by Miss Jones.

—Mrs. F. C.

### Camrose Circuit L.D.R.

The Camrose Circuit L.D.R. convention was held in Scandia Church, Armena, May 22. Pastor R. Olson conducted the morning Bible study on Phil. 3:14. He stressed the theme of the convention, "Press On," and pointed out the necessity of pressing on to Christ, in Christ, and for Christ.

The afternoon panel discussion was led by three girls: Thelma Skaret, Armena; Lilly Loken, Bawlf; Lucille Hanson, Camrose. They spoke on the purposes of the L.D.R., which are as follows: 1) To lead the young women to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior; 2) To be a means through which their religious life may find expression; 3) To acquaint them with and train them for Christian service in the church.

It was pointed out that our first duty as Christian girls is to go to God for sinners, and then go to sinners for God.

Music for the programs was supplied by the various locals.

Thelma Skaret was elected editor of an L.D.R. paper, a new circuit venture. Girls are asked to submit names from which a name will be chosen for this paper, that will be published every month.

The convention offering was divided between the Canada District and the L.D.R. head office.

Officers for 1948-1949: President, Joren Skog, Camrose; vice-president, Doris Hendrickson, Armena; secretary, Mildred Lyseng, Camrose; treasurer, Florence Hagen, Bawlf.

—M. L.

### Camrose Circuit

Zion Church, Earling, was filled to capacity for the W.M.F. circuit convention, May 26. Miss Clara Jones, China missionary, and Mrs. J. Haave, district president, were the guest speakers.

The theme, "The Family Altar," challenged every one as it was brought forth both in songs and messages.

Rev. S. Stolee in his opening sermonette showed how God's Word is like a map to guide us on life's way, and challenged us with this thought—do we plan and then pray for God's blessing, or do we read, pray, and then follow God's leading.

Mrs. Alfred Setter, Amisk, and Mrs. H. Scotvold, Dinant, also brought fine messages on the theme.

Mrs. C. A. Magneson, president, reported a total membership of 391 in the circuit, and amounts raised by the Ladies' Aids totalling \$4,744.04. Only 17 of the 25 locals reported.

Officers for the new year are as follows: President, Mrs. A. Ledene, Bawlf; vice-president, Mrs. A. Setter, Amisk; secretary, Mrs. O. Faddum, Bawlf; treasurer, Mrs. Martin Hen-

drickson, R.I., Bittern Lake; missions, Mrs. George Lyseng, Armena; education, Mrs. Alfred Lien, Edberg; charities, Mrs. Norman Grue, Hay Lakes; life membership and in memoriam, Mrs. Henry Gunderson, Holden; promotion, Mrs. Magnes Johnson, Camrose.

—Mrs. Robert Lyseng.

### Saskatoon Circuit

The W.M.F. convention was held in the Zion Lutheran Church in Saskatoon, May 20.

Rev. Mr. Aarestad conducted the opening devotional period, after which Mrs. Aarestad, circuit president, gave a brief talk explaining the purpose of the triplicate cards and the filling out of same.

Reports given by the department secretaries showed that some of the Aids in the circuit are not sending the required information to these secretaries.

Mrs. J. B. Haave, district president, gave a very instructive and inspiring talk on W.M.F. work.

Missionary Clara Jones stressed the great need for more Christian workers and teachers, as well as financial support and prayer for the cause of missions. She spoke again in the evening and told of many miracles that had been performed through prayer on the mission field in China during her stay there.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. N. H. Bjorndahl, Watrous; vice-president, Mrs. O. Berg, Outlook; secretary, Mrs. D. Fotheringham, Watrous; treasurer, Mrs. L. Melsness, Saskatoon; missions, Mrs. G. O. Evenson, Outlook; education, Mrs. M. Knudson, Hanley; charities, Mrs. H. Dalen, Valley Park; life membership and in memoriam, Mrs. McPherson, Outlook; promotion, Mrs. V. Borgerson, Saskatoon.

At the close of the convention Mrs. J. R. Lavik presented the retiring president, Mrs. G. Aarestad, with a lovely corsage, and expressed sincere thanks and appreciation for the efficient and untiring work she has done in the circuit.

Another W.M.F. day ended with prayers for God's continued blessing in the coming year.

—Mrs. N. H. Bjorndahl.

### MOOSE JAW CIRCUIT

The W.M.F. convention was held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Torquay June 4. The Rev. H. H. Swantz, Wash., opened the morning session with a devotional study "God's Flowery Garden."

The convention theme, "The Family Altar," was presented by two papers written by the Rev. A. Mathre of Moose Jaw and Mrs. A. Shelstad of Torquay. Mrs. J. B. Haave and Missionary Clara Jones were the guest speakers and brought fine messages on missions and W.M.F. work in general. Reports were given by the department secretaries and showed that \$761.15 had been contributed to the W.M.F. departments and the church. The sum of \$3,102.24 was contributed to special projects and local expenses.

At the business session it was decided to buy a food mixer and food cart for S.L.B.I. Each Aid will be asked to contribute towards this project.

An offering of \$70 was received in the evening. Part of this will go to Luther Seminary in Saskatoon.

New officers are: President, Mrs. A. Mathre, Moose Jaw; vice-president, Mrs. Olaf Fonstad, Torquay; secretary, Mrs. Alvin Vinge, Torquay; treasurer, Mrs. H. Egland, Midale; Missions, Mrs. A. G. Vinge, Torquay; Education, Mrs. Olaf Knutson, Midale; Life Membership and In Memoriam, Mrs. Clara Pohle, Lake Alma; Charities, Mrs. J. Jacobson, Estevan; Promotion, Mrs. Precht, Torquay.

—Mrs. A. G. Vinge.